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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
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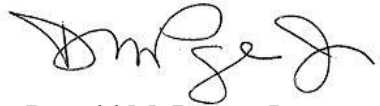
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Kean University Generation-2-Generation (G2G) Parent University in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kean University, located at 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

The funding would be used to create Parent University, a two-generation (2Gen) higher education program and resource center for the parents and caregivers of middle and high school-age students in Kean University's pipeline development programs. In these programs, Kean University currently has approximately 450 students from underserved, low-resourced urban communities that are primarily from households of parents/caregivers with little to no formal higher education experience. 2Gen strategies have been proven to improve educational attainment for students and parents/caregivers. Kean will provide career exploration opportunities on how to become a paraprofessional or substitute/alternate route teacher, workforce readiness including a Certificate in Workforce Readiness, industry certifications, academic credentialing, and parenting and Spanish and English Language Arts supports to parents and caregivers, and students in Kean's pipeline programs. Additionally, in partnership with the County of Union's Department of Economic Development, One-Stop Centers, Workforce Development Board, and Board of Social Services, the G2G Parent University will provide job and skills training for current high-demand sectors that are projected to experience significant growth in the coming decade, including information technology, financial operations, business operations, software development and sales, and social entrepreneurship.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DMP Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress